

# Access & Functional Needs Registry

During a disaster, individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs may require special assistance from the emergency management system Planning before an incident ensures that response and recovery operations are inclusive of the whole community.

This registry promotes communication between emergency responders and those requiring special assistance and their caregivers during an emergency situation. The goal of the registry is to provide emergency responders with critical information in a timely manner.

An access and functional needs person is one who, due to medical, cognitive, mental health or physical condition, may pose a danger to themselves or require extra help in an emergency. Examples include persons with autism, dementia, blindness or deafness, cerebral palsy, Parkinson's disease, or those who are wheelchair bound or have conditions that may cause physical instability, communication issues or irrational fears.

If you or anyone you know may benefit from the registry, please contact us at the email address below. We need to know their name and address and we will contact them directly to see if they wish to be placed on the registry in case of an emergency. This registry is completely voluntary. When such a person is on the registry, their information will only then be shared with relevant persons during an emergency such as a wildfire/flood. We do not need to know your contact information.

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